

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 19-21 are rejected and claims 4-18 and 22-40 are objected to in the present Office Action. In this response, claims 1-19, 22-26, 31, 33-34, and 37-40 are amended and new claims 41-78 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-74 remain pending in the present application. Amendments of claims are not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and reasons.

Claim Objections

Claims 4-18 and 22-40 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim must not reference back to another multiple dependent claim.

Claims 4-18, 22-27, 31, 33-34, and 37-40 are amended and new claims 43-74 are added to remove the multiple dependency to another multiple dependent claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection under 37 CFR 1.75(c) be withdrawn. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-3 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suumaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,847,610).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other things, “means for detecting requested application-specific packets in a packet stream” and “means for blocking application-specific packets in the packet stream that are not the requested application-specific packets” (Emphasis added.) Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0017]-[0020] and [0053].

In contrast, Suumaki may disclose packet detection generally (see col. 4, lines 43-47), but fails to disclose or suggest requested application-specific packets, detecting the requested

application-specific packets, or blocking application-specific packets that are not the requested application-specific packets in order to activate certain packet sessions, as recited in claim 1.

Amended claim 19 recites similar limitations as discussed above for claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 1 and 19 is allowable over Suumaki. Claims 2-18 and 20-74, which depend from either claim 1 or 19, are also allowable over Suumaki for at least the same reasons as discussed above for claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Applicant's silence during prosecution should not be construed to be an admission. Applicant reserves the right to address points raised earlier in prosecution at a later time. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No.: 03-1952** referencing **Docket No.: 562492003800**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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